

## 2022 S!nergy International Youth in Action for Peace and Sustainable Development

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*YSP MCs Lee Yu-jeong and Huwang, The 2022 S!NERGY International Conference*

Under the theme of "Youth in Action for Peace and Sustainable Development," IAYSP hosted its 2022 "S!NERGY International Conference" on November 27, at the Hyojeong Cultural Center of the HJ International Cultural Foundation as a live interactive online broadcast.

The conference, emceed by YSP students Lee Yu-jeong and Huwang, began with a stirring Korean Saumulnori percussion performance. This was followed by welcome speech by Kim Dong-yeon, president of YSP Korea, words of encouragement by FFWPU International Headquarters Director-General Yoon Young-ho, congratulatory remarks by Matsuda Koji, YSP international president, and the winning regional strategy presentations by students from the USA, Congo, Peru, Samoa and Korea. The congratulatory performance was given by Cheonbu Boeungo and then Hwang Hee-seong, a representative from Sustainable Coffee Lab presented a special lecture, which was followed by the judges' evaluation of the presentations and the award ceremony.

In his welcome speech, YSP Korean President Kim Dong-yeon said, "I sincerely welcome all the Peace Designers around the world who are participating in 'S!NERGY International 2022', Youth in Action for Peace and Sustainable Development. S!NERGY is the point where the energy of young people and students meet and gains greater strength. This worldwide S!NERGY contest is a venue for sharing creative ideas and stories of daring actions by young people and students who are seeking to create a peaceful world. Today, we are going to have the final stage with the representatives who won the 2022 S!NERGY Contests held in each continent around the world. If we are challenging ourselves for others and for the world, it is safe to say we have calling. Even if you cannot directly hear Heavenly Parent's voice, all of you can become the protagonists of S!NERGY because Heavenly Parent's Will has settled in us."

In his words of encouragement, FFWPU Director-General Yoon offered his congratulations to YSP on hosting 2022 S!NERGY INTERNATIONAL. "In general use," he said, "the term 'synergy' means that when diverse individuals come together they generate energy greater than they could create separately. The meaning of S!NERGY is to create great strength by sharing goals and ideas rather than competing to achieve goals in a fiercely competitive society. As such, the word S!NERGY has a general meaning of simply  $1 + 1 = 3$  or more, but the meaning of S!NERGY we want to convey is that S in SINERGY means student, i means idea, and if I were to suggest one more thing here, i also means ideal, and can be seen to

reflect that and energy of hope. When young people can collect ideas together and cooperate to put them into action to achieve better results, that collaboration can be strengthened and create amazing synergy," he explained.



*The 2022 S!NERGY International winners, The finale: "Let's Go!" by YSP*

In addition, Director-General Yoon said, "YSP's founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, is investing heavily in young people, saying, 'Youth is our hope as the protagonist of the future generation.' True Parents not only support young people to grow step-by-step through 42 educational institutions around the world, but have also established a scholarship foundation as well as numerous programs for young people and students around the world so that young people can realize their dreams and visions as future leaders. We are supporting you to make your dreams come true. In addition, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon founded YSP, emphasizing that 'the dreams, hopes and ideas that young people sincerely dream of can change the world.' In this way, Dr. Moon is contributing to strengthening society through numerous organizations and is sparing nothing in offering support for the youth who are our future."

Director-General Yoon continued, "There are no national youth ministries or youth ministers in Korea, but if you look at overseas cases, there are youth groups in the United Arab Emirates and 54 African countries (although the names are different). So, YSP is also working on a project to develop national youth groups. In August, talks with the Union of the Sahel began to build the model. When young people can follow their dreams, there is hope for the youth, the owners of the next generation.

So, this past August, 25 ministers of youth and three ministers of education were invited to Korea, and an MOU was signed to support programs to provide education in Korea for youth from all over the world and to discuss better ways to nurture their development. Therefore, a project is underway to register YSP institution as an official national institution in 25 countries. The world's youth are young, but the hopes they have and the things they dream of now are the dreams and hopes of future generations. Therefore, I sincerely hope that the 2022 S!NERGY International Competition held today will be a place to solve problems of countries and continents and to present dreams, not just a contest limited to YSP."

The 2022 S!NERGY International Competition, which lasted two hours, was a time for presentations on the theme of "Creative Ideas for Establishing a Peaceful World" and five finalists representing their continents took to the stage.

Hwang Hee-sung, CEO of Sustainable Coffee Lab, said in his special lecture "As a young man living with the same worries as you, I want to tell you the story of fair-trade coffee creating a sustainable society that I have been working on for 12 years. I worked on it at the fair-trade foundation "Beautiful Coffee" for 12 years in Korea, and now I am introducing a new coffee platform business that combines fair trade coffee and shared roastery facilities. I was thinking about how to get more coffee lovers and cafe owners to use

fair-trade coffee, so looked for a way that they could gain added value without purchasing expensive roasting and coffee equipment, in a space where they could identify fair-trade green coffee beans based on key data (green bean chemical composition analysis technology) and participate in direct production (roasting). This concept of sharing technology and experience and seeking ways to help grow led to the establishment of this company."

NO	Presenter	Topic of Presentation
1	Kengo Kawa (USA)	Global Peace Park - Creation of a Peace Park in the DMZ on the Korean Peninsula
2	Octave Mbila (DR Congo)	Football Open Challenge: Solving Youth Problems Through Soccer
3	Andrea Marisol Llenque (Peru)	Biciteca: The Standardization of Educational Backgrounds Through Reading
4	Vaetoeifaga Apelu (Samoa)	Relieving Stress and Depression Among Young People and Students
5	Park Bo-young (Korea)	A Study Room Project to Bridge the Educational Gap for Multicultural Families

CEO Hwang continued, "The goal of Sustainable Coffee Lab is to create shared roastery spaces in all fair trade cities to serve as an anchor to better spread fair-trade values and coffee in the region.

Small cafe owners and coffee lovers in each region can join together in solidarity and cooperate to be a model of a sustainable local circular economy, working toward producers and consumers becoming co-owners through sustainable consumption. Today's topic, "Peace and Sustainable Development," is what we must choose right now. Let's stand up from our seats and take action!"

FFWPU Director-General Yoon Young-ho, who watched all the presentations attentively prior to the announcement of the awards for the 2022 S!NERGY International Competition, gave each presenter a critique on behalf of the whole panel of judges and said, "I hope that these ideas of the youth will be improved and great progress will be made at the government level and at the continental level."

The highlight of the event, the grand prize, was awarded to Vaetoeifaga Apelu, who gave a presentation on "Stress and Depression Relief for Young Students."

The awards were held as #Best Award #Excellence Award #Encouragement Award.

NO	Awards	Presenter
1	Grand Prize (1 competitor)	Vaetoeifaga Apelu (Samoa)
2	Excellence Award (2 competitors)	Park Bo-young (Korea), Kawa Kengo (USA)
3	Encouragement Award (2 competitors)	Octave Mbila (DR Congo), Andrea Marisol Llenque (Peru)

An energetic YSP performance of "Let's Go" brought the 2022 S!NERGY International Competition to a victorious finish.